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**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention concerns a method of uniquely associating transaction data with a particular individual. Further, the invention relates to a computer-based messaging system for communicating data associated in accordance with this method.

In one form, a method of uniquely associating transaction data with a particular individual is provided, comprising the steps of generating or obtaining transaction data for that individual, and associating the transaction data with a unique personal identification key of that individual, the key expressed in human readable form and comprising the individual's first or given name, the individual's father's first or given name, the individual's mother's first or given name, the individual's date of birth, the individual's gender, and the individual's place of birth expressed in longitude and latitude.

The invention finds particular application in the healthcare environment, enabling users, authorities and service providers to fully resolve the identities of patients receiving or seeking medical care.